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1. UK FIRST SECY WESTON DISCUSSED NY STRATEGY SESSION WITH MISOFF JULY 31, NOTING UK PREFERENCE FOR AUGUST 7, 8 OR 9 AS DATE OF MEETING. WESTON SAID HE CONSIDERS IT IMPORTANT FOR AUSTRALIANS BE INCLUDED. HE SAID FCO RELUCTANT TAKE LEAD ON KOREAN QUESTION AT 28TH UNGA AND HAD SUGGESTED THAT AUSTRALIANS, GIVEN THEIR GEOGRAPHIC POSITION AND UNCURK MEMBERSHIP, MIGHT PLAY THIS ROLE. IF AUSTRALIANS DO TAKE LEAD, ESTON SAID, IT ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT THEY BE INCLUDED IN CONSULTATIONS FROM START. WESTON ALSO NOTED THAT NETHERLANDS, THAILAND AND PHILLIPPINES UNLIKELY BE CONCERNED ATEXCLUSION FROM STRATEGY SESSION, ESPECIALLY IF THEY NOT TOLD ABOUT MEETING.

2. MISOFF TOLD WESTON THAT JAPANESE WISH MORE THAN TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS AT MEETING AND HOPE TO GO INTO FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES. WESTON SAID UK UNLIKELY BE ABLE CONTRIBURE TO SUCH TALKS AND QUESTIONED WHETHER NY PROPER PLACE FOR TALKS OF THIS NATURE.
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3. MISOFF LATER INFORMED ROK COUNSELLOR HAM THAT BOTH UK AND AMEMB SEOUL HAD SUGGESTED AUSTRALIANS MIGHT BE PROFITABLY INCLUDED IN STRATEGY SESSION. MISOFF ASKED IF ROK WOULD RECONSIDER DECISION CONCERNING INCLUSION AUSTRALIANS. HAM SAID HE WOULD CONSULT WITH AMB PARK AND WOULD BE IN TOUCH.
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